State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the two language policy of using only Tamil and English had been followed in inscription of details on milestones on National Highways for decades in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the reasons for deviating from the decades old practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The three language formula is being followed throughout the country.

(d) Does not arise.

Decongesting of traffic in Chennai

430. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India had decided to begin work on decongesting traffic at metropolitan cities including Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had awarded contract to commence the work on the above work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The following improvement/widening works on National Highway in metropolitan cities are being undertaken for this purpose.

Sl. No.	Name of City	NH No.	Stretch	Date of commencement
1.	Delhi	1	Widening from km 8.2 to km 16.2	November 2001
2.	Delhi	1	Widening from km 16.5 to km 29.3	The contract has been terminated on account of submission of fake bank guarantee
3.	Delhi	2	Improvement in Ashram-Badarpur section.	Agreement signed on 27-08-2004
4.	Delhi	8	From km 14.30 to km 42.0 (Delhi-Gurgaon)	April 2002.
5.	Chennai	4, 45 & 205	Grade separate intersections at Airport and Kathipara on NH 45, Koyambedu on NH 4 and Padi on NH 205. In addition the section Maduro- voyal to Koyambedu on NH 4 is to be widened to four lane.	Letter of acceptance issued to the Contractor.
6.	Chennai bypass Pass I & II	4, 45 & 205	18 km long two lane Chennai by pass (Phase I) connecting NH 4 & 45 has already been completed. Anotherproject, Chennai bypass (Phase II)connecting NH 4, 205, extension of Chennai by pass (Phase I) 5 andfrom two lane to four lane is also being undertaken.	Contract agreement has been signed on 26-02-05
7.	Bangalore	7	Construction of 9 km long elevated Highways from Silk Board Junction to Electronic city Junction on NH 7 on BOT basis.	Bids are likely to be invited in the last week of March 2005.

Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana

†431. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work regarding modernizing the roads through Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana has been slowed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to speed up the modernization of the roads; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.